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TOPIC Grossenhain Airfield

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. There was hazy and occasionally foggy weather at the Grossenhain (N 52/A 01) airfield from 1 p.m. on 14 February to 6 p.m. on 16 February 1951. No flights were made, except for the take-offs by two single-engine planes and one jet fighter. Nine MIG-15s were parked in the southern section of the field. The numbers 33, 03, 37, 31, 40, 21, 56, and 57 were seen on eight jet fighters, on both sides of the fuselage. A red star was just above the number and a red horizontal stripe was painted on the upper section of the rudder assembly. No jet planes with two jet power plants were seen. (1)
2. Foxholes, about 10 meters apart, were seen in the western and northern sections of the field, inside the fence. The trenches were interconnected. Four lights, about 40 cm in diameter, were set up in the western section of the field, about 400 meters north of the Grossenhain-Cottbus (N 52/A 57) railroad line, and about 40 meters east of the Grossenhain-Elsterwerda (N 52/A 03) road. (2) Two fuel dumps, which were fenced in, were located in the northern section of the field, about 500 meters east of the Grossenhain-Elsterwerda road. The dumps were side by side. Thirteen semi-underground containers, each the size of a tank truck, were seen in one dump, and 30 larger iron barrels were counted in the other one.

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4. From 60 to 70 air force officers wearing golden and silver epaulets were seen daily in Grossenhain. Many Soviet dependents were also observed there. Several local residents said that the same Soviet unit was still stationed at the airfield, but that the number of officers and EN was considerably increased. (4) The residents also said that the kommandatura was moved from the town to the airfield.

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Comments.

- (1) The aircraft numbers 03 and 40 are reported for the first time. The other numbers were reported previously. To date, 46 aircraft numbers have been seen at the Grossenhain airfield. Another source reported that two fighter regiments are stationed at the field. About 80 MIG-15s are believed to be stationed there. This number has not been confirmed by other reports. No other sources have reported or indicated the presence of twin-engine jet aircraft at the Grossenhain airfield.
- (2) The lights illuminate the western border of the landing field at night.
- (3) The same motor vehicle numbers were previously observed in Grossenhain. They confirm that the same units are still stationed there.
- (4) An increase of personnel has not been reported by other sources.

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